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When all is said and done, the current settlement sends one message loud and clear:

Breaking the rules pays.

Microsoft has killed thousands of businesses and innovators over the years, and not even the 1995 court order slowed them down. They have amassed an enormous hoard of cash from their extensive illegal and unethical practices and used that money to branch into numerous other businesses with the same ruthless intent to destroy competition and dominate the information age.

In effect, they have been engaged in money laundering, and now the government is giving Microsoft total amnesty.

Not only does the current settlement allow Microsoft to keep its ill-gotten advantages, but also it does not even address the deceptive accounting practices which have far overstated Microsoft's earnings over the years, and have even concealed years when Microsoft actually LOST money. The effect from this has been to drive Microsoft's stock much higher, and thereby further increase Microsoft's market monopoly.

Are we a nation of laws or not?